MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI); (a) No specific proposal for setting up a power station, based on gas from Gandhar oilfields, has been received.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Explorwtion of oil from Gandhar Oilfield**

1251. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH. Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new oilfield called Gandhar Oilfield has been discovered in Gujarat and whether explo ration of oil has commenced there;

(b) whether the Government of Gujarat has submitted a proposal to the Union Government for its maximum utilisation, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) how soon the oilfield is likely to be developed for commercial use and what are its prospects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Oil was discovered in Gandhar in 1984; further exploration is continuing..

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Commerical exploitation will be undertaken, if warranted, after delinea tion of the field.

**OHtstandinr lines to coal India Limited**

1252. SHRI N E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be. pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that about Rs. 700 crores are outstanding as dues to Goal India Limited from various agencies as at the end of June 1985; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the outstanding amounts and percentage, thereof pertaining to each sector?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE); (a) and (b) Sector-wise outstanding dues to Coal India Limited as on 30.6.1985, are as under:—

*(Figs. in lakhs of Rs.)*

| Consuming Sector | Full bills outstanding | Deductions under dispute | Total | Percentage of total amount |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Railways | 2692 | 2416 | 5108 | 9·00 |
| Power | 18602 | 19289 | 37891 | 66·79 |
| Steel | 5314 | 4454 | 9768 | 17·22 |
| Other Govt. Deptts./Undertakings | 2157 | 653 | 2810 | 4 95 |
| Others | 1036 | 122 | 1158 | 2·04 |
| TOTAL | 29801 | 26934 | 56735 | |